

Remarks

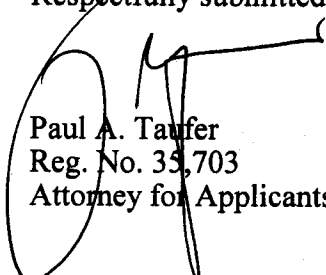
The Claims 1 – 39, 1 – 94 and 129 – 149 stand as allowed. Claims 95 – 97 and 108 stand as rejected. Claims 98 – 107 and 109 – 128 have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. No new matter is introduced herein.

Claims 95 – 97 and 108 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) has been unpatentable over Schneck et al., Lee et al., and Lettvin. This rejection is respectfully traversed. In order to expedite the allowance of the present application, Applicants have made the following amendment to the claims.

Claim 95 as amended incorporates the subject matter of Claims 98 – 107, which the Examiner has indicated would be allowed if written in independent form. Claim 95 as amended has been structured so that any one or more of the internal security mechanisms described in original Claims 98 – 107 may be utilized in the claimed system for maintaining data security. For this reason, Claim 95 as amended is believed to be in allowable form rendering the rejections moot. Also, for cosmetic reasons, based on the Examiner's comment that the "claim limitation of: the package comprising data bundled together with one or more permissions for regulating use of the data, the one or more permissions comprising one or more usage rule sets, will not be given patentable weight," this limitation has been deleted and no longer to be considered a part of the claim.

In view of all that is set forth above, the entire application is believed to be in form for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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